



EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

CR-105 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)
EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) Chapter 16-448 WAC Standards For Potatoes

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: RCW 34.05.353(2)(d) allows the Washington State Department of Agriculture to file notice for the expedited repeal of rules if "other rules of the agency or another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant." Chapter 16-448 (Standards for Potatoes) is antiquated and no longer necessary because the Washington potato industry adheres to the grades and standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Repealing chapter 16-448 WAC will reduce confusion within the regulated industry and allow the department to comply with Executive Order 97-02, which directs the department to repeal all rules that are no longer needed.

Reasons supporting proposal: Chapter 16-448 WAC is outdated and no longer followed by industry. It has been supplanted by USDA grades and standards for potatoes and is, therefore, redundant. This proposal to repeal chapter 16-448 WAC is a result of the department's ongoing rule review effort under Executive Order 97-02. Failure to repeal chapter 16-448 WAC could lead to confusion within the potato industry and contradicts the spirit of the executive order.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 15.17.030 and RCW 15.17.050 and RCW 34.05.353

Statute being implemented: Chapter 15.17 RCW

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

REPEALER

The following chapter of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 16-448-130	Promulgation.
WAC 16-448-135	Applicability.
WAC 16-448-140	Washington No. 1 grade.
WAC 16-448-145	Washington commercial.
WAC 16-448-150	Washington No. 2.
WAC 16-448-155	Culls.
WAC 16-448-160	Size.
WAC 16-448-165	Tolerances.
WAC 16-448-170	Application of tolerances.
WAC 16-448-175	Samples for grade and size determination.
WAC 16-448-180	Skinning.
WAC 16-448-185	Definitions.
WAC 16-448-190	Marking requirements.
WAC 16-448-195	Forbidden practices.
WAC 16-448-200	Effective date.